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HONGKONG, MAY 26TH, 1908.

NERO fiddled while Rome was burning. We in these modern days are apt to point with affected disdain at the folly of our predecessors. "If we had been in the days of our fathers we would not have been partakers with them," &c. "Education," we preen ourselves in our superior knowledge and wisdom, has done away with all that sort of thing, and we have plainly no further use for common sense, which in this superior age we can safely turn out of doors and leave to forage for her own existence. True, it may be, that knowledge is power, but the very incarnation of power we can conceive embodied in a railway engine standing on a siding with full steam up. Now our railway managers ordinarily do not leave locomotives in full steam standing unattended about railway stations. It is true that such things have happened in spite of all regulations to the contrary, and locomotives with no mind to control them have started on the journey, and dire has been the disaster.

Now it is this very fact that knowledge is power that enormously increases the danger of the situation, and makes our modern follies inconceivably more dangerous than the simple errors of our ancestors. We have Sir Edward Grey's plain statement that attempt to set right the political

position in Macedonia, which would involve the continuance of Turkish rule in Constantinople, would be followed by the immediate outbreak of a European war. Sir EDWARD GREY is an old Railway Chairman, and in the complicated management of a great Railway acquired that experience of men and affairs which has stood him such good stead in his control of the still more complicated matters that come within the ken of the Foreign Office. Sir EDWARD GREY is not the man of himself to leave the locomotive unattended standing in steam on the line; yet something of very much the same nature has been done by somebody, and the look-out is not altogether agreeable for the individual compelled to travel in the next train.

Last year Mr. HALDANE, Minister of State for War Affairs introduced a Bill in Parliament for the remaking of the Army. It was a truly radical measure, because before the new army is to be made, the old army has to be destroyed; there is to be no mistake about it this time. All the old regulations and traditions are to cease in favour of the new, which is to be indeed as well as in name a "Citizen" army. The old one had been a king's army, but Mr. HALDANE, with perhaps some lingering Whig antipathies to standing armies, had sought after a German fashion to "territorialise" it; the names were changed, the old Buffs became the new East Kent Regiment, &c., but things went on much as before, and crack regiments remained so, and dowdy ones were as of old. One thing, above all others would not be touched; the Horse Guards might stand much, but here they were resolute. The British Army was the most expensive in the world, some people (but they were radicals) hinted it was the most inefficient; but be that as it might, the expense was sacred. Mr. ST. JOHN BRODERICK tried hard to have this amended, but like all his predecessors, found the road too hard to be successfully traversed.

Now naturally it was different when the Cabinet of the "Mendalls" came on the scene—there appeared a head, it was certainly a head and with true Irish instinct the Cabinet resolved that being a head, it had to be broken. Mr. HALDANE, to whom was allotted the job, apparently misunderstood his instructions and designed a new army; and the country, glad to find one constructive element, and having long felt that something ought to be done, to no one's astonishment more than his own, took up his scheme in a friendly spirit. It involved the entire destruction of the old Yeomanry and Volunteers, the formation out of the Line and Militia of a new Foreign-going Army, and the construction anew of a

Home Army to be termed the Territorial Force. Mr. HALDANE was sanguine as to the result, and on March 31st the whole of the Volunteers and Yeomanry ceased to exist. Now getting into the latter half of May, things do not seem to be going along as merrily as had been expected. The employers of labour who were mainly concerned, complain that the new arrangements will seriously interfere with the time of their men; they had grown used to Volunteer hours, and willingly submitted to the absence of the men for improved physique and more orderly habits; but the extra burden they seem to object to. At all events, not more than a third of the required number of volunteers have come forward, and unless some effort be made to arouse national enthusiasm it seems that between the new steel and the old, the country is as likely as not to be left without an army at all. There were, it is true, many of the Cabinet even a year ago, who looked upon such a position of affairs as a good joke; "hadn't they made friends with France, and hadn't they a good chance of getting Russia to join the merry party, and what was the use fretting over the others? they could give the beggars a sop now and then to keep them in good humour, and there was always Free Trade (spelt with capitals, too) to fall back on; the beggars will never be foolish enough to quarrel with their bread and butter. At all events, we're in, and in we intend to stay as long as we can, and have a gay time to make up for all the time we have been out in the cold."—But a year more in harness, and the growing feeling that all was not quite as rosy as last year they had painted it, and the growing habit of work, and last, but not least, the feeling that by honest work they have done some actual good, and won the applause even of their political opponents, has commenced to show even a birth loving cabinet that life is not, as old Sam Slick phrased it, all beer and skittles. So, though there is still more than is wholesome of the old leaven, and fads and fancies are still in the ascendant, there is a slight rift in the darkness. Now, fortunately, to all outside, the frolicsome

element is coming to a very unpleasant awakening. Our home defence has disappeared; the Secretary for Foreign Affairs informs the country that, though he has been striving his utmost to keep affairs straight, that unpleasant little spot in Macedonia will keep breaking out, and although the better disposed of the Powers have always rallied round him there is still an explosive element abroad which may any day get beyond bounds. Then the Secretary of War hints mainly to the country that if, which he reminds them was only after all an experiment, the scheme of the new Territorial Army should not at once go through, it may become necessary to appeal to the country to adopt the only then alternative of compulsory service, which he had hoped to stave off. The late President of the Board of Trade, breaking loose from the fetters of the Cobden Club paralysis, had been showing the country to some useful purpose how our rivals had, while we slept, been stealing marches on our chief industries; and even an unwilling Prime Minister has had to acknowledge that there had been designs to weaken the efficiency of the Navy. Taking all these warnings from ministers responsible in their various departments, it is surely time that even the present House of Commons should begin to see that the country at large is under a policy of bad in lieu of reason, rapidly falling into a dangerous state. Surely Board Schools can for the nonce devote some little time to education; and fiery tea-totalers can in the face of a danger threatening all let the intoxication of their desires be sobered sufficiently to see beyond the public house at the corner of the game so peculiarly Irish of "Beggan my Neighbour," while as a corollary doing no good to oneself, has surely been played out, and the country demands that the business of the day should at last be taken in hand. As yet the demand has not formulated the man, and His Majesty's Ministers have still the opportunity of reforming their own ways, instead of seeking the ungracious task of, unasked, striving to remove the mote from their neighbour's eyes. A year and a half of fads, surely even Mr. ASQUITH cannot but see, is beyond a safe strain on the already overburdened fabric of the British Nation. We have abundance of time when we've put the locks and bars in order to think about changing round the furniture; meanwhile, the police are away on a wild-goose chase, and news has just come in that the Bushi Banzais are over the border. This is, however, just the time that our Cabinet selects to lay down the carpets, and call in the house decorators. Surely in no other country than England, and in no party in England outside the ranks of the Cobdenites, could such a conjunction of fad and folly be tolerated for an instant. There is an old maxim beginning:—*Quem Deus vult—* Never apparently was it better exemplified.

A Shanghai correspondent writes to us: A most unusual sight—not seen for many years—is now a common object in Shanghai streets—whole rows of houses and shops with notices in English or Chinese. "To let." This has had its counterpart in Hongkong for some time past.

Empire Day, was celebrated in Hongkong yesterday. The day was observed as a holiday and business was suspended. Fortunately the weather was suitable for excursions and not a few were enabled to have a good time. The pupils of the Victoria and Kowloon British Schools were entertained to a launch picnic by H.E. the Governor in the afternoon. British vessels in the harbour were dressed in honour of the occasion.

A minister accepted a call to a new chapel in a town where many of the members bred horses, and occasionally raced them. A few weeks later he was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey. Willingly and gladly he did so for three Sundays. On the fourth, one of the deacons told the minister he need not do it any more. "Why?" asked the good man, with an anxious look, "is she dead?" "Oh, no," said the deacon, "she's won the steeplechase."

One of the most respected members of the local police force died yesterday morning when Detective Inspector Cuthbert succumbed to the lingering illness in whose grip he had been for almost a year. Inspector Cuthbert, who came to the Colony, about twenty years ago, was a very efficient officer and was beloved by all who knew him. In many ways he was the typical Scot, quiet, shrewd, and pawk, with never an ill word for any, and "Dauid," as he was familiarly called, was a favourite wherever he went. His many friends will mourn his loss and sympathise with the widow and daughter in their sad bereavement. Mr. Cuthbert was a victim of cancer, but he remained quite cheerful through all his sufferings, and passed away peacefully yesterday morning at No. 8, Police Station. He was buried yesterday and the number who followed the remains to their last resting place was a eloquent tribute to the memory of one who combined so many manly qualities, one who was a good officer, a kind husband, and an indulgent father.

When Sir James O'Brien-Browne, who is a fervent Scot, was in Jamaica, he noticed the names of Scotsmen over the shops, and asked a coloured gentleman of the place, "Are there many Scots folk here?" "Not very many sir," replied the native, "but quite enough."

A draft Bill has been submitted to the Federal Council authorising the Imperial Chancellor to grant the North German Lloyd Company a further annual subsidy of 500,000 marks (235,000) for a monthly service of steamers between German New Guinea and Australia and Japan, as from the 1st inst. until October 1, 1914.

"Quite lately," says the "Saturday Journal," "a little hunting incident, of which the Queen of Italy was the heroine, has leaked out. Her Majesty, who is a capital sportswoman, accompanied the King to Castel Porziano to shoot. It was an exceedingly cool day, and accordingly a big bonfire was made, round which the Royal party gathered. They were chatting and laughing, and generally enjoying themselves, when suddenly the Marquis Calabrizi, a Royal quarry, jumped over the pile. He did it as a joke, but the result might easily have been a tragedy, for his clothing caught fire. Of all the company present, only the Queen kept her head, and she threw herself on the marquis, and heedless of the danger to herself (ore off the burning parts of his clothes, and choked out the flames with her skirts."

Owing to the success which has attended the special sets of wireless instruments designed for use in destroyers, it has been decided to equip the larger types of these vessels with the system at an early date. A start has been made at Devonport, and the "Moy," refitting in the north yard, received her new insulated rigging and yard. The rigging is fitted so that the maximum support is given to the light mast and yard to meet the exceptional strain brought on them in a way owing to the quick motion of this class of vessel. The work of providing the wireless-instrument-room has been taken in hand, also the wiring of the circuits. The new sets of instruments are intended to enable direct communication to be maintained, not only between individual destroyers, but also between bases and squadrons with signalling distance without the possibility of being interrupted by longer distance messages which may be passing.

THE ANTI-DYN STIC
DISTURBANCES IN YUNNAN.

The Chinese newspaper reports from Yunnan indicate that the disorders in that province are still far from being subdued; though the latest intelligence is that the rebel leader has been killed in an engagement with the Imperial troops.

Recently the commander in chief of the rebels sent a notification to the French Resident at Lue-chay, notifying him that he, as general in chief of the New China Society, was occupying the Chinese territory of Yunnan on the borders of Tonkin, and as there was great danger in moving about the country, he was ready to give permits to Europeans. The General added: "We know that the Consul for France wishes to go to Mongtze and we would like to give him a passport. He need have no fear. If the Consul goes without papers we free ourselves of responsibility. We offer the same explanations for all travellers who pass through the territories we have taken."

Following is a translation of a proclamation by the General-in-Chief commanding "the New Chinese Society":

"We, Huang-Yeu-Phu, commandant of the forces of the New Chinese Society, make proclamation as follows:—

"Henceforth the faithful troops are rallied to our just cause.

"Strict instructions have been given and will be observed.

"We will annihilate villains, liars and traitors, ever they are; but we will love and protect the honest and peaceable population.

"We will recover the ancient realm of our ancestors.

"We will drive away the Manchu dynasty which has enslaved us for some centuries.

"We will ameliorate present conditions.

"From the march of the troops merchants have nothing to fear and can continue their avocations.

"The cultivators, the workers, the merchants, the students should peacefully pursue their occupations. We will protect them.

"No robbery will be committed.

"All that is needed will be bought at an agreed price.

"Robbers will be immediately punished by death.

"Nobody need be afraid.

"All the commands of this proclamation will be executed with the utmost severity regardless of the status of the person, whatever be their title.

"Respect this!"

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 25th at 11.50 p.m.—The barometer has risen moderately in Japan, and fallen moderately to slightly over S. China, and the Philippines respectively.

An area of low pressure lying over the China Sea in the neighbourhood of the Paracels, is still indicated.

Pressure is low also over N. China. It is high over W. Japan.

Fresh to strong N.E. and E. winds are expected to prevail in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood ... N.E. and E. winds, fresh or strong; fair.

Formosa Channel ... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoeks ... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... Same as No. 1.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

The Victoria Recreation Club is no longer without a suitable habitation. The vicissitudes which the Club has undergone in recent years are too well known to call for recapitulation, but a new era dawns for this, the oldest sporting organisation in the Colony, by the formal opening of the handsome new premises which have been erected for it on the site near Murray Pier. Red brick is the material employed in the building, and the effect is not displeasing to the eye. The design is certainly striking and the club may well be proud of its new quarters which few sporting organisations in the East can excel. The foundations are built of stone. On entering the visitor passes through a long corridor, which runs the whole length of the spacious gymnasium which is adequately equipped. Beyond is the boat house, where a number of racing boats are stored, and at the end of this are the bath rooms and conveniences. Above the boat house are the bar room, dressing room, reading room, steward's office and large verandahs. The bar room is attractively fitted up, the dressing room has every convenience desired, and the reading room—looks comfortable. The verandah, wide and airy, gives a pleasant seat with a fine outlook and a neat little balcony on Murray Road will appeal to those who wish for less company. A bicycle stand has been furnished between the two porches at the entrance. The gymnasium which has a gallery on two sides, is 55 feet long by 33 ft 6 wide, the boat house is 57 feet 2 in by 42 feet, dressing room and club room each 32 feet by 28 ft 3; the principal verandah 57 ft 2 by 10 ft 6; the length of the whole building is 123 ft, and the greatest width 50 ft 2.

The opening ceremony took place yesterday morning in presence of a very large attendance of members. His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Captain Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., was met by Mr. A. Rodger, the president, who extended a cordial welcome in these words:—"Your Excellency, I have the honour and pleasure to welcome you here to-day, the occasion being the formal opening of the new club premises of the old Victoria Recreation Club—a club that has done useful work in the way of training young men in athletic sports on land and water for over half a century. The committee and members are very proud of their new club house and have asked me to thank you, Sir, for coming here to-day. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you here on many other occasions. I think it is unnecessary for me to say any more at present. May I ask Your Excellency to be good enough to turn the key in the lock and formally declare the Club house open."

HIS EXCELLENCY in reply said:—"Mr. Rodger, gentlemen, I think you have chosen a most auspicious day for the opening of the new premises. May 24th, commonly called Empire Day, is, as you know, in this Colony by Ordinance called Victoria Day, in memory of our late beloved sovereign, the Queen, whose birthday it was, and it is particularly fitting that you should have chosen this day as the name of the club is the Victoria Recreation Club. It is, as Mr. Rodger has told us, fifty years old—the oldest club in the Colony. You have suffered great losses in the typhoon and you have made a wonderful effort to recover and to redress your losses and by building these charming premises here, which, I think, both as a water pavilion, and as a Club house and gymnasium combine every facility which a club of this sort can give to its members. I hope that these premises will long continue to serve the purpose for which they were erected and I wish the heartiest success to all the members in inter-port and inter-club competitions in the Colony (applause). I hope the honour you have done me in asking me to open the building to-day may bring you some extra luck in the competitions of the coming year. I have great pleasure and his Excellency laid the key in the lock in declaring the Club house open (applause).

Afterwards His Excellency made an inspection of the premises under the guidance of Mr. Rodger, at the close of which the company assembled in the gymnasium where the Governor proposed "Success to the Victoria Recreation Club," the toast being enthusiastically received. Mr. Rodger then proposed the health of His Excellency, which was followed with three cheers for the Governor who thereupon called for three cheers for the Victoria Recreation Club. These were heartily given, and then Mr. Rodger presented His Excellency with the silver key used for the opening ceremony as a souvenir of the occasion, and with Sir Frederick's reply the proceedings terminated.

GIANT SUBMARINE.

Paris, April 20.
The largest submarine in the world, the Q 74, was launched yesterday at Cherbourg. The Q 74 is 355 ft. in length, 19 ft. in diameter. The two screws are worked by four electric motors of 2,000-h.p. The vessel has a speed of fifteen knots.

The submarine will have two officers for torpedoes and one for the men, and she will carry a crew as large as that of a destroyer.

"Unsubstantial trifles of varied favour" is the author's description of "Hors d'Œuvre," a book which comes from the foremost Eastern publishers, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. The description certainly applies. The sketches are of varying merit, mostly good. They are fairly light and can be assimilated in an idle hour, in spite of their title, preferably after dinner. Mr. A. Michie—for that is the name of the author—displays a rare knowledge of the Chinese character and when he writes on some aspect of that theme he is usually very readable. "At a Chinese dinner-party" supplies us with a clever account of an experience which most of us have enjoyed and "A Chinese fable" is a very humorous story of what we suppose is possible in the Flowery Land, while the sporting Chinese sketches are very interesting indeed. Mr. Michie is best, however, in light verse, and we greatly enjoy his Gilbertian rhymes.

Major General Broadwood returned to the Colony yesterday after visiting Shanghai, Weihaiwei, Port Arthur, Tairen, Manchuria, and Japan.

TELEGRAMS.

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CHINESE STOKERS.

LONDON, May 25th.

The Government is going to take steps to reduce and check the employment of Chinese on British ships.

NEW WAR PORT.

LONDON, May 25th.

Germany is establishing an arsenal and naval base at Apeneade.

[Apeneade is in the province of Schleswig-Holstein at the head of the Apeneader Fjord (firth) which admits vessels of the largest size. It has a school of navigation.]

VIVE LE PRESIDENT!

LONDON, May 25th.

President Fallieres arrives to-day.

He is to be given a royal reception on an unprecedented scale. Fifty warships will fire a salute.

BURGOMASTERS' VISIT.

LONDON, May 25th.

The King has received the German burgomasters who are visiting England.

KAISER'S MOUSTACHE.

WARRIERS APPEARANCE MODIFIED.

The Kaiser has altered his style of wearing his moustache.

Thirty million loyal Teutons, the estimated male population of the Empire, are directly affected, for to trim one's moustache in the martial manner immortalised by the Emperor has become an unwritten law of masculine patriotism throughout the Fatherland.

It is stated that the Kaiser has decided to do away with the familiar, bristling, upward-pointing effect which has so long given his countenance an aspect of fierceness and which henceforth wear his moustache with the long drawn out and with only the remotest suggestion of perpendicularity.

This revolutionary change, which will cause the caricaturists of the world to revise their whole conception of the imperial physiognomy, appears to have been forced upon the Emperor rather than chosen by him. It is related that while his Majesty recently was lighting a cigarette the left end of his moustache was singed and half burnt off. This necessitated the cutting off of the other end to make the moustache again symmetrical. The last formation evoking the lively admiration of the Emperor, the Kaiser determined to retain it.

The barber, Herr Haby, who is given the credit in contemporary German history for designing the Kaiser's perpendicular moustache, became wealthy and famous in consequence of it. Herr Haby placed an inscription upon the market called the "Kaiserband," to be worn across the mouth for a certain period each day until the moustache became trained to bristle upwards at an angle of 45 degrees exactly like the Kaiser's. Millions of "Kaiserbands" are in daily use in Germany and are among the proudest possessions of many a budding youth.

TURBINES UNSUCCESSFUL
FOR A LOW SPEED.

When the C. P. R. Steamship Company decided against installing turbine engines in the new ferry at Amer Princess Charlotte, which is to have a speed of 24 knots an hour at her trials, and when reciprocating engines were placed in the steamer Princess Victoria there was some discussion as to whether turbines would be more suitable. While all things were considered the weight of argument was in favour of the reciprocating engine, the balance in favour being weighed down by the fact that with the reciprocating engines the steamers will be run economically at low speed while this is impossible with turbines. During the winter months when the steamer Princess Victoria is run at low speed there would be no saving with turbines.

In this connection the Scientific American says: "A remarkable demonstration of the fact that the marine turbine does its best work when running at high speed, and that it ceases to be economical at low speed, occurred recently on the Great Lakes in connection with an attempt to cap the passenger traffic between two points, by placing upon the route a new and fast turbine steamer. The old-established service was operated by two boats, run by reciprocating engines at the very moderate speed of 16 miles an hour. The new company ordered a 21-knot turbine-driven boat from a British yard, placed her in service, and immediately began to secure with great speed of the traffic. A representative of the old company, happening at this time to meet in England an engineer who had been prominently associated with the development of the turbine-driven steamship, told him of the conditions, and sought his advice as to the best way to meet the competition. The turbine engineer asked what was the speed of the boats of the competing lines, and on learning that it was respectively 16 and 21 knots, stated that it would be a very easy matter for the old company to drive the new fast boat off the route, by the very simple expedient of dropping the speed of their boats from 16 to 13 or 14 knots, and making the big reduction in fares which the reduced running expenses of the boats would render possible. He stated that the company owning the turbine steamer could never meet the cut in rates, for the reason that the reduction of the running speed of their vessel would not bring any corresponding reduction in the coal consumption. The company determined to make the experiment, and after running their boats for a few months at a lower speed and a lower rate, they found they not only recovered the passenger traffic which they had lost, but that the reduction in running expenses was so great, that they made more money than they had done under the old conditions. Furthermore, it was not many months before the turbine steamer was laid off the route and offered for sale.

It should be understood, however, that the conditions were peculiar at this point, and that the patrons of the line consisted largely of working people, to whom the reduction in fare, even if gained at the expense of time, was a decided consideration. Under average conditions the faster boat would have held the traffic even at the high rates. We record the incident merely as showing in an interesting way the limitations imposed upon the marine turbine by its inability to run economically at low speed.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

London, April 24th.

THE THUNDER OF THOMAS.

Australian distrust of the Oriental races is evidently more marked than we thought, for here we have the Hon. Thomas Price, the Premier of South Australia, giving voice to it up and down Great Britain. He is here on a sort of business holiday, and between times he is visiting places familiar to him when he was young. Liverpool and other places in and around Lancashire are favoured most in this direction. At one or two meetings he was warmly welcomed upon the question of the "Yellow Peril" and the feeling that Australia was worth fighting for, but on Wednesday, addressing the Liverpool Produce Exchange, he went more directly into the matter. After quoting with pride figures proving the advancing trade of South Australia he said: "Australia cannot be kept by flying the flag over it. We want more men to stand alongside the standard and I hope that thousands of people from this side of the world will when the Northern Territory is opened up go over and help to develop it. We see ahead the 'Yellow Peril' and we are getting ready to face it. South Australians are resolved that every man under the age of thirty years shall learn to use the rifle, so as to be able when the time comes to resist the advance of the Yellow peril." Proceeding to deal with commerce Mr. Price said if the merchants of Liverpool would give them more for their produce than they were getting in London they would send direct to Liverpool and moreover they would smash up all the economies of the world by giving a bonus or subsidy to ships going to Liverpool. Some day they would understand it would be better to give Australians some kind of preference. Certainly it would come from their side as they intended to offer to the British people a performance in trade matters. Incidentally at other meetings Mr. Price has intervened in home politics to urge support for the Licensing Bill and the granting of votes to women, though not because of the tactics of the militant suffragettes, whom he condemned unreservedly.

A QUEEN EASTER.

We have had a queer Easter, the weather being doled out to us in samples of a different pattern every few hours. Good Friday was splendid, and then the atmosphere grew restive and by Sunday there was hail, east winds, and sleet, a condition of things continued more or less on Monday. Some places are in the throes of hysterical such as North West, Manchester, Dewsbury, and Montrose Barcha, because of the elevation of the members to Cabinet rank, but the country is taking only a casual interest apart from the localities affected, for the holiday feeling is still on. We have another terror in London, however, it is the "Rubber Neck" car introduced for the first time on Easter Monday. It is an importation from the United States where these rambling vehicles are largely used to see the sights in quick time. The London venture is also American in its management, the manager having been over here for a few weeks only, in which time he has crammed up much information for the edification of his clients. The car is a sort of motor wagonette and the manager stands on the front and as the car is driven through the various points of interest, I watched the proceedings for some time and I came to the conclusion that London was a city mainly notable for the scenes in which American characters have appeared. The houses where notable Americans have been lodged, entertained, married or otherwise done or figure largely in this running discourse, though it is true some attention has been scattered somewhat through London's record. The term "rubber neck" it may be necessary to explain to the uninitiated reader, is applied to the car because of the habit of the clients stretching their necks to see the objects pointed out en route. It is, like much American slang, expressive and to the point, and the term is likely to stick here as in the United States. While speaking of slang, I may add that there is a run of slangy American play here, and whatever the lover of the purity of the English tongue may say, the fact remains that the playgoers public likes to see this eccentric form of production. First we had "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and now there is "The College Widow" by George Ade, author of the famous "Fables in Slang". So original is the language that the management has thought it wise to issue a glossary of a hundred or so of the most American phrases so that the jokes may be translated into King's English as the play proceeds. It looks like a tedious process, but the critics, those stolid unbending men of another grammatical accuracy, speak well of the results, and the pit, I hear, rooks with laughter all the time.

A BIRING MAN.

Mr. Grenville Alabaster, the secretary of the China Association, was a busy man last week. He is a son of Mr. Chaloner Alabaster, formerly British Consul General in Canton and in addition to his far Eastern interests he is a young barrister of rising repute. He has been engaged for some weeks in defending a man named McGuire, formerly in the army, who is accused of murdering his sweetheart at Bournemouth. The case has attracted wide attention as the "Cliff mystery" and the proceedings before the police court lasted for a long time before McGuire was committed. That development took place just in time to allow Mr. Alabaster to come to town and appear at the annual meeting of the China Association. He is a keen faced young man who has, I hear, strong political views in opposition to the present Government and frequently appears on West London platforms to assert them.

NEW ST. JAMES' HALL.

All music lovers who know London up to a couple of years ago will remember the old St. James' Hall in Piccadilly, now given place to a palatial Piccadilly Hotel. It was sorely missed by its old habitués, but now a new St. James' Hall has arisen in Great Portland Street, with a concert hall and a restaurant in the building, and offering a most comfortable accommodation in the hall for 1,200, and the decorations are charming enough to appeal to the most fastidious. Mr. Lyell Taylor is the conductor of the permanent orchestra that has been mounted, and under his direction nightly promenade concerts are to be given from Saturday night of this week, at which many well known vocalists have already arranged to appear.

EXCLUSIVENESS HART.

The home-seekers have commented at considerable length on the retirement of Sir Robert Hart from the Chinese service and there is but one note struck—that of eulogy. His services not merely to the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs but also to Europe in general and Great Britain in particular are remarked, for as the "Pall Mall Gazette" says "His personality has stood for European influence with the Chinese as no other personality has done, and that influence has been used for the benefit of both sides. His retirement must therefore necessarily leave Europe and England weaker in their relations with China. But that is inevitable. Such men are born, not made; we cannot obtain them at will by any system of competitive examination."

COMPETITION.

It was reported some weeks ago that there were negotiations in progress for the amalgamation of a number of German banking and industrial enterprises in the Far East for the purpose of more effective competition with British and American firms. I now understand that the negotiations have fallen through. My informant states that there is keen disappointment in both official and commercial quarters in Berlin at this result, as it is foreseen that some of the German enterprises concerned must withdraw from the scene of operations with considerable loss of German prestige.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FOR CHINA.

There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting of the Christian Literature Society for China to-day. It was held at the headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Bible House) in Queen Victoria Street, and when I looked in I saw many missionaries whose names are well known in China. The Rev. Lord William Grosvenor Cecil, whose letters to the "Times" after his recent tour of China Mission centres roused such interest in the work and possibilities of missions in the Far East, was in the chair. He spoke of his impressions while in China and the tremendous possibilities of reaching the Chinese now that there was a widespread movement towards western progress. Among the best means of reaching these races of the East were the translation and distribution of Christian literature. An encouraging report and balance sheet was adopted showing that £200 was sent to the Society for the work of the Society last year. The Rev. D. S. Murray from Tsing Choo, North China, spoke eloquently of the utility of the Society and the opportunity it afforded of working in alliance between the various sections of the Christian Army. The great need was for more translations of Christian books calculated to appeal to the educated Chinese, and at present there was only a handful of men and little money to cope with the responsibility. He had been able to witness the friendliness of many officials in China both in regard to their general and their hospital work. Also there was a remarkable movement among the students to acquire Western knowledge, and in one province where eight years ago there were fifteen hundred students attached to the Christian schools, there were now 105,000. In addition to the lack of translations and publications for the Christians there was the deplorable lack of a Christian newspaper for China. When they thought of the power of the three hundred newspapers now published in China and the influence they could wield it would be apparent that there was a remarkable field for a Christian daily newspaper. All that was looking to bring this about was money, for the missionaries in China thoroughly approved of the idea and would support it. The Rev. W. Y. Fullerton, who has just returned from China, declared that the progressive movement in China was no mere transitory activity, but was permanent and indicated a great crisis in that mighty Empire, affording to the Christian churches an invaluable opportunity to spread the knowledge of Christianity through the supply of Western learning for which the Chinese were craving. One suggestion he had to make was that now that the Japanese were supplying to China much scientific knowledge the Society could concentrate its efforts on Christian literature, for there were very many works that could be scattered widespread through China with incalculable benefit. He hoped that soon the necessary £2,000 remaining for the building of their headquarters in Shanghai would be forthcoming and he hoped they would secure the services of a thorough business manager to run their publications and superintend the issue of their translations in China.

CHINA'S FLEET.

Among a party of guests who were entertained on board the new Chinese cruiser, which has been built by Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., at their Woolston works, for the Chinese Government, was his Excellency Li Chung-fang, the Chinese Ambassador. In responding to his health at the luncheon on board, he said his Government would be adding to their fleet, and they knew they would have to come to Europe for their vessels. British shipbuilders, he added, were supreme, and had turned out the finest and fastest ships in the world. No doubt it is entertained that before, orders for some at least of the new Chinese men-of-war will be placed with British shipbuilders.

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"EASTER CHILDREN" IN CHINA.

A long bare room, the floor polished to a whiteness that would have done credit to a man-of-war. Curtainless French windows stood open on to the wide tiled verandah looking towards the blue sunlit sea, but the air drifting slowly in was heavy with the damp heat of summer. Already the woodwork "swarmed" with the larvae of the beetle, and the toys scattered about the two sweet-faced nuns, and the grey shadows round eyes that yet were bright with gladness not of earth, but of heaven, to the white woman's burden summed up in the trite phrase—the first lot of hell.

The house itself was in the nature of an out-post—the receiving home for those poor waifs of humanity whom Chinese custom relegated to death. From an upper window bleak and alone it was possible to see, standing by tower whence every child had been rescued. For the purpose of the tower—a round building with a balcony on each opening, some seven feet from the ground. On the deep sill of this aperture, the father of an unwanted female child deposited the infant, leaving the next corner on a like oval and to condemn the mother by thrusting a deep knife through the opening, thus making drop it falls into a lower ditch, thus making room on the sill for another derelict. Each room on the hill for a killing his own man, by this means, standing by tower whence every child had been rescued. For the purpose of the tower—a round building with a balcony on each opening, some seven feet from the ground. 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"HAITAN," Captain J. S. Rosch, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 26th inst., at 2 P.M. For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LARBAK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th May, 1908. 888

S.S. "TONKIN," COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from Havre or s.s. "Charlotte," from Bordeaux or s.s. "Ville de Bordeaux" in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. at Kowloon whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 1st June, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 1st June, or they will not be recognised. All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 1st June, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

F. NALIN, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 25th May, 1908. 2

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT is now ready and contains:

Epitomes of the Week's News. Leading Articles. The Boycott. Boycotters and— or Ebbels. France and the Balkans. Balaism. Disreputable Reports. Hongkong Sanitary Board. The Opium Question. Supreme Court. Departure of the Governor of Macao. Correspondence. Public Health and Buildings Ordinances. A mendment. Public Health and Buildings Ordinances. Victoria Gas. The Work of the Post Office. Jurore Fined. Japan. Riots in Annam. Companies: The National Bank of China Ltd. Peak Tramway Company. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. Commercial Shipping. Extra copies 30 cents each, Cash. Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent, including postage 24 cents each or \$1 Cash for three copies. Subscription: \$12 per annum, payable in advance; postage \$2. Hongkong 26th May, 1908.

NOTICE.

K WONG WOO, Jeweller, Etc., of 66, Queen's Road Central, begs to inform the General Public that he has never heretofore acted as Guarantor for any person or persons and should such be done in future the documents must inevitably bear the Signature of his Sole Representative Mr. CARUSO KING SON. Hongkong, 9th April, 1908. 821

WANTED.

A Situation by a Competent European ASSISTANT. No Objection to Out Ports. Address: Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 21st May, 1908. 873

THE DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE FOR 1908 IS NOW ON SALE. Copies may be obtained at the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" Office or from Booksellers throughout the Far East. Hongkong, 15th February, 1908. 333

PUBLIC COMPANIES

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its Registration) will be held at the Office of the Company in Alexandra Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 25th inst., to MONDAY, 1st June, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 26th May, 1908. 871

WATKIN'S LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Watkins' Building, No. 31, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 30th May, 1908, at 2 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1907. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th May, both days inclusive.

G. A. WATKINS, CHAS. A. FOOK, General Managers. Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. 842

INTIMATIONS

NOW ONE WEEK ONLY.

RUINOUS PRICES

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co., 25, Queen's Road Central, Under Hongkong Hotel. Hongkong, 26th May, 1908. 651

DAVID COESAR & SON'S MERCHANT NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX BELLAUGH CROWN TARPULING ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO. Sole Agents. 894

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have 40,000 Cubic Feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods. G. K. HAXTON, Manager. Hongkong 1st April, 1908. 43

PRIVATE-BOARD AND RESIDENCE

MRS. GILLANDERS "CLAREMONT," 2 & 4 KENNEDY ROAD. Hongkong, 9th February, 1907. 563

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SURGEON DENTIST, No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET. TERMS VERY MODERATE. Consultation Free. Hongkong, 21st September, 1906. 875

DR. M. H. CHAUN, THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY. 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. 477

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A LARGE STOCK of MATERIAL is always kept on hand. THE COMPANY has the powerful steamer "OULAMARU" (712 tons, 700 I.H.P. specially built for SALVAGE PURPOSES) equipped with necessary gear, always ready for service. Notice. 738

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

NOTICE. Owing to MONDAY, the 25th May having been declared a Public Holiday the SALE of FURNITURE within the Residence of the Late MRS. A. H. BENNIE will commence TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 26th at 2 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1908. 881

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, On FRIDAY, the 29th May, 1908, at 5 P.M., the Yacht "MARY AND JOAN" belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. A. B. RAYNOR as she now lies off Ah Keng's Yard, Wanchai, together with all Sails, Tackle and Appurtenances on board. Terms:—As usual. For further particulars apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 21st May, 1908. 877

IMPORTANT AUCTION OF THE STEAMSHIP "OHIO"

Messrs. WHYMARK & THOMPSON have been favoured with instructions to sell by Public Auction, At the KOBE SALES ROOMS, No. 72, Kyo-Machi, Kobe, On THURSDAY, June 11th, at 11.45 A.M. The Handy Passenger and Cargo Steamer "OHIO," (formerly "OHIO L.") As she lies moored at Higo together with all her Appurtenances, Anchors, Chains, Gear, &c., &c.

Built of Iron in 1888; Gross Tonnage 1019; Net Register, 534 Tons; Cubic Cargo Capacity, 1000 Tons; Dead Weight, 900 Tons; Bunkers, 200 Tons; Length, 224' 8"; Breadth, 32'; Depth of Hold 14' 6"; Draught fully laden 14' 6"; in Ballast, 9'; No. of Holds, 2; Hatches, 2, 20 by 10 and 14 by 10; Passengers, 27 First Class, 18 Second Class, 250 Stowage; Bulkheads, 4; Water Ballast, 88 Tons; Wooden Decks; Triple Expansion Engines amidships; 150 Nominal Horse Power; Cylinders, 19" 30" and 20"; Stroke, 36"; Single Ended Boilers renewed in 1898; Working Pressure, 150 lbs.; Speed, 10 Knots; Coal Consumption, 15 Tons; Donkey Engine and Boiler and 2 Steam Winches; ample Salon Equipment for Passengers, &c., &c. For any other Particulars, apply to THE AUCTIONEERS, 72, Kyo-Machi, Kobe, Japan. 872

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE HONORABLE, On an early date in JUNE at H.M.'s Naval Yard Extension. A LARGE QUANTITY OF SUPPLIES STORES MATERIAL, PLANT, ROD IRON, &c. Catalogues and further particulars will be issued. On View from This Date. Terms:—As Usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 20th May, 1908. 878

FOR SALE

FOR SALE. FINE SITE on the Bowen Road, Ready for Building at a Cheap Price. PERCY SMITH & SETH, Accountants & Auditors, &c., No. 5, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 18th May, 1908. 853

FOR SALE.

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FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 286 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER. Also FOR SALE. Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 36 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 399 YEARS' LEASE. For Particulars, apply— GEO. FENWICK & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 8th June, 1908. 184

TO LET

TO LET. OFFICES on Top Floor No. 2, Connaught Road, facing the Cricket Ground. A HOUSE in BIPON TERRACE, No. 10, DES VOGES ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor. "HUTTENBERG" Conduit Road. OFFICES in YUEN BUILDINGS. GOROWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 18A, Des Vaux Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL. FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 11th May, 1908. 38

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TO LET. NO. 2 CHANCERY LANE, Six-Roomed House. Electric Lights. Put in thorough repair. With immediate possession. Apply to— PERCY SMITH & SETH, Accountants & Auditors, &c., 5 Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 18th May, 1908. 854

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FIRST Class European Houses, Lochiel Terrace and Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon. Apply to— TAM TSE KONG, Care of Hip On Insurance, Exchange and Loan Co., Ltd., 42, Bonham Strand, West Hongkong, 1st October, 1907. 84

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THE ROOMS on the first floor of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (opposite the General Post Office) The Rooms are light, spacious and well ventilated. Very moderate rent. Immediate Possession. Apply to— YEE SANG FAT & CO Same address. Hongkong, 28th January, 1907. 270

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C. WOLDRINGE Manager, No. 18, Des Vaux Road Central. Hongkong, 1st April, 1908. 261

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LONDON BANKERS:

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SHANGHAI	ARCADIA	About 28th May	Freight and Passage.
	Capt. A. L. Valentini		
LONDON via USUAL PORTS	DELTA	Noon, 30th May	See Special Advertisement.
or CALL	Capt. B. W. Snow		
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSERILLE	SUMATRA	About 3rd June	Freight and Passage.
	Capt. E. W. Bruce		

For further Particulars, apply to

F. J. ABBOTT,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1908.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HOIHOW and HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 28th May, 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 28th May, 4 P.M.
AMOI, MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIKONG"	On 28th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY, CATBANS, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 28th May, 4 P.M.
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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	S.S. DORTMUND	1st June
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	S.S. ISTRIA	8th June
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	S.S. SAXONIA	16th June
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	S.S. SILVIA	26th June
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	S.S. SLAVONIA	8th July

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S.S. KOWLOON FOR TSINGTAU, NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOK

On 2nd June.

For further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong, 25th May, 1908

HOMEWARD.

FOR MARSERILLE, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG	S.S. SITHONIA	1st June
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG	S.S. SCANDIA	15th June
FOR MARSERILLE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. BRISGAVIA	28th June
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG	S.S. DORTMUND	12th July

COAST SERVICE.

On 28th May.

On 2nd June.

HONGKONG OFFICE.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS:

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AMIRAL EXELMANS	25th July	CEYLAN	28th Nov.
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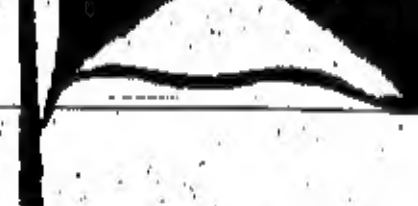
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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AKI MARU, Japanese str., 3,995, M. Yagi, 17th May—Seattle 14th April, via Japan and Shanghai 14th May, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

AMIRAL DE BROUILLON, French str., 154, Chalais, 22nd April—Haiphong 18th April, Ballast—Wilks & Jacks.

BANDAI MARU, Japanese str., 3,247, Y. Miyazaki, 22nd May—Mojil 18th May, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi-Kaisha.

BORNEO, German str., 1,344, F. Sembill, 17th May—Sandakan 12th May, Timber and General—Molchers & Co.

CHONGSHING, British str., 1,256, Liddell, 21st May—Tientsin via Chefoo 15th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DERWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 19th May—Saigon 15th May, Rice—Chinese.

EMPERESS OF CHINA, British str., 3,048, R. Archibald, 4th May—Vancouver, B.C. 15th April and Shanghai 2nd May, Mails and General—U. F. R. Co.

FUCHU MARU, Japanese str., 980, R. G. Paramore, 22nd May—Shanghai 18th May, General—Chinese.

FUKUSHU MARU, Japanese str., 1,080, T. Ito, 23rd May—Swatow 22nd May, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

GERMANIA, German str., 785, H. Flugel, 18th May—Sydney via Ports 6th April, Copra—Siemssen & Co.

HAIKONG, French str., 500, Pomfret, 22nd April—Haiphong 18th April, Ballast—Wilks & Jacks.

HARTAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 24th May—Fochow via Amoy and Swatow 23rd May General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HOPSON, British str., 1,359, Jas. M. Hay, 17th May—Wakana 12th May, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

ITHAKA, German str., 1,450, Vogeler, 21st May—Chinkiang 18th May, General—Hamburg-America.

KATONG, British str., 987, H. Mathias, 19th May—Hilo 19th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.

KIVUSBERG, German str., 646, D. Houk, 23rd May—Macao 23rd May, General—Jensen & Co.

KOBICHANO, German str., 1,292, C. Rosiefsky, 24th May—Bangkok May 11th, and Kohli-chang 19th, Rice and Wood—Butterfield & Swire.

KUTANG, British str., 3,110, Bradley, 22nd May—Mojil 18th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KYOTO MARU, Japanese str., 2,644, N. Wakatake, 21st May—Mojil 15th May, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

LIGHTNING, British str., 1,222, A. E. Gentles, 20th May—Calcutta May 5th, and Singapore 15th, General—David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

LOWTHER CASTLE, British str., 2,717, W. Lightoller, 21st May—Kobe via Mojil 16th May, General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

MERRIO, Chinese str., 1,339, J. MacArthur, 19th May—Shanghai 16th May, General—Chinese.

NARITE, British str., 1,436, Wastar, 13th May—Hankow 13th May, General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

NINGPO, British str., 1,348, E. Richard, 20th May—Wuhu and Shanghai 16th May, Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.

OCEANO, British str., 1,735, M. L. Brum, 20th May—Hongay 17th May, Coal—Dedwell & Co.

RAJAH, German str., 2,016, R. Petersen, 21st May—Bangkok 14th May, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

REIDAR, Norw. str., 2,279, C. Stangset, 14th May—Mojil 9th May, General—Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.

ROMFORD, British str., 1,930, Scott, 23rd May—Hankow 21st May, Coal—Dedwell & Co.

SABINE RICKMANS, Dutch str., 540, Fries, 18th May—Fochow 13th May, Ballast—Asiatie Petroleum Co.

SIMONGAN, Dutch str., 1,202, H. Vos, 21st May—Samarang via Palo Laut 11th May, Sugar—Chin-se.

SINGAN, British str., 1,047, F. Jamieson, 23rd May—Haiphong and Hoihow 9th May, Rice and Live Stock—Butterfield & Swire.

SKANSKAD, Norwegian str., 860, T. M. O. Agers, 21st May—Chafoo 15th May, General—Wallum & Co.

SPRINGBURN, British str., 3,179, J. J. Crosthwaite, 8th May—Bayonne 6th Mar., Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.

SUI MOW, German str., 1,342, Calender, 24th May—Shanghai 21st May, General—Hamburg-America Linie.

TAIWAN, British str., 1,041, J. A. Martin, 14th May—Saigon 10th May, Rice and General—Chinese.

TAIYUAN, British str., 1,459, L. Dawson, 12th May—Australia 15th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.

TAMING, British str., 1,345, A. Somerville, 22nd May—Manila 19th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.

TENTO MARU, Japanese str., 7,265, Philip H. Goings, 21st May—Yokohama 16th May, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

TIENTSIN, Dutch str., 2,475, van Emmerick, 13rd May—Macassar 15th May, General—Java-China-Japan Line.

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The *Arcaida*, with the English mail of the 1st inst. left Singapore on Friday, the 22nd inst. at 2 p.m. and may be expected here to-morrow, at 8 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 31st March, and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 22nd April and for despatch overland on the 29th April.

FOR	PRE	DATE
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kyoto Maru	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Harbin	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Cheongching	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Tuesday, 26th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kajong	Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Ah Maru	Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Tamara	Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yokohama	Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Friday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Saturday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Saturday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Sunday, 31st, 2.00 P.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Monday, 1st, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Monday, 1st, 3.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Wednesday, 3rd, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Wednesday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Thursday, 4th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Thursday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Friday, 5th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Friday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Saturday, 6th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Saturday, 6th, 3.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Sunday, 7th, 2.00 P.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Sui Tai	Monday, 8th, 1.15 P.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 9th, 1.15 P.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 10th, 1.15 P.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Thursday, 11th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Thursday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Sui Tai	Friday, 12th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Friday, 12th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Borneo	Friday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.

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May 23rd.

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Bank Bills, on demand 2.28

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ON HONGKONG—

Bank Bills, on demand 1.85

Credit, at 4 months sight 1.85

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank Bills, on demand 1.37

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ON CALCUTTA—

Bank, at sight 7.41

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, May 23rd.

COMPANY PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

Alhambra 125 1/2

Hongkong & Shanghai 125 1/2

National B. of China 26

Bell's Asbestos E.A. 64

China-Borneo Co. 112

China Light & P. Co. 110

China Provident 110

Cotton Mills 110

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